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Lake Jackson, Texas

**City of Lake Jackson
Tropical Storm Harvey/Brazos River Flood
Weather Update
Sept. 2, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

Sorry for the delay with giving our updates, but we have pressed almost all of our staff into fighting this flood.

Again, water levels on the Brazos River, Oyster Creek and the Bastrop Bayou have leveled off. But, based on the amount of water still to our north we will likely stay at current levels (with minor variations up or down) for the foreseeable future. Water in our various neighborhoods will remain there until we get a pronounced dip with flood levels. This will be at least another week.

Oyster Creek was at 17.95 at FM2004 at 3pm today. Levels on Bastrop Bayou remained at 19.8 at SH288 and 15.25 at Old Angleton Road. We believe that Oyster Creek may be at its peak. It could go above 18 feet at FM2004, but this level causes no problems to residents along the creek.

Bastrop Bayou seems to have crested and is staying level for the time being. The bayou has put a lot of water in Northwood S/D, but no homes have water in them.

Northeast Lake Jackson has leveled off. Many streets are still impassable, but it appears the repairs to the flood gate near Regal Storage and the sand bag effort last night along FM2004 has all but stopped the flow from the bayou into the area. We have received no reports of water in homes in this area.

We wish the news was better for Jackson Oaks S/D. Sandbagging and pumping efforts were overwhelmed by the Brazos River overflow coming from the west through Buffalo Camp and from the north through the prison property. This has not happened before. The water rose and put workers in serious danger. For the safety of those workers, we were forced to pull back. Tragically several homes appear to have water in them in Jackson Oaks II.

We returned today and have been working hard in Jackson Oaks to halt the advance of the water. We are doing this in a much safer environment. A great big thank you to the over 100 volunteers who have been putting out sand bags today. We are working to divert this to the creek, where we have ample capacity at this time.

We end sand bag activity at dusk. We will resume tomorrow if needed.

Again, a great big thanks to the hundreds of volunteers helping the city. I have mentioned those placing out the sandbags, but a big shout out to the volunteers working to bag the sand at the service center and to the Precinct 1 yard in Clute.